MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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Missouri employment continued its seasonal decline in December, while unemployment edged up further. Total employment slipped back by about 12,700 to 2,106,100 in December, the third straight month to show a seasonal decline. On a seasonally adjusted basis, employment appears to have been increasing over the period, since the actual declines which were experienced were somewhat smaller than the usual seasonal amount.

The same appears to be true for nonagricultural wage and salary employment, which decreased by about 5700 jobs between November and December. On a seasonally adjusted basis, employment on nonfarm payrolls appears to have been increasing for the past several months, though not at a rapid rate. The growth in this measure of employment now appears to be catching up with total employment, which experienced a spurt in the first half of the year but which has shown only the expected seasonal movements for the past several months.

The total number of nonfarm payroll jobs is now estimated as 1,932,600, up by 24,000 over the past 12 months. About two-thirds of this increase has been in the durable goods manufacturing industries, notably motor vehicles and equipment. This industry, which had lost more than half of its peak employment, has grown by more than 7000 jobs in the past year to 27,900 in December. The employment measure perhaps underestimates the increase in labor utilization in the auto industry,

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MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - DEC 1983 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - NOV 1983 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - DEC 1982 (BENCHMARKED 1982)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2317329	2106145	211184	9.1	2320806	2118782	202024	8.7	2328155	2109616	218539	9.4
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1135273	1027525	107748	9.5	1134022	1027938	106084	9.4	1130300	1015106	115194	10.2
KANSAS CITY SMSA	669050	623171	45879	6.9	671424	625909	45515	6.8	672163	617288	54875	8.2
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	114563	106610	7953	6.9	115292	107501	7791	6.8	112941	104081	8860	7.8
COLUMBIA SMSA	56664	53945	2719	4.8	56191	53859	2332	4.2	56738	54147	2591	4.6
JOPLIN SMSA	57678	52705	4973	8.6	57222	52253	4969	8.7	58003	52547	5456	9.4
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	45308	40830	4478	9.9	45429	41150	4279	9.4	46113	41723	4390	9.5
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16249	15192	1057	6.5	16388	15405	983	6.0	15877	14899	978	6.2
ATCHISON	5150	4924	226	4.4	5217	4983	234	4.5	5122	4907	215	4.2
AUDRAIN	10657	9660	997	9.4	10746	9783	963	9.0	11033	9595	1438	13.0
BARRY	11303	10318	985	8.7	11419	10396	1023	9.0	11185	10062	1123	10.0
BARTON	4822	4575	247	5.1	4926	4628	298	6.0	4757	4477	280	5.9
BATES	7500	6776	724	9.7	7552	6886	666	8.8	7684	7032	652	8.5
BENTON	5143	4579	564	11.0	5198	4630	568	10.9	5007	4460	547	10.9
BOLLINGER	3271	2521	750	22.9	3036	2544	492	16.2	3296	2564	732	22.2
BUTLER	15768	13649	2119	13.4	15675	13748	1927	12.3	15799	13753	2046	13.0
CALDWELL	3628	3278	350	9.6	3602	3304	298	8.3	3934	3583	351	8.9
CALLAWAY	20153	18592	1561	7.7	20384	18931	1453	7.1	22737	21253	1484	6.5
CAMDEN	11326	9943	1383	12.2	11036	9917	1119	10.1	10345	8941	1404	13.6
CAPE GIRARDEAU	30970	28817	2153	7.0	30935	28910	2025	6.5	30459	28014	2445	8.0
CARROLL	4470	4043	427	9.6	4517	4129	388	8.6	4625	4206	419	9.1
CARTER	2710	2229	481	17.7	2830	2408	422	14.9	2303	1967	336	14.6
CEDAR	4232	3848	384	9.1	4243	3929	314	7.4	4312	3844	468	10.9
CHARITON	4606	4157	449	9.7	4720	4238	482	10.2	4686	4354	332	7.1
CLARK	3230	2870	360	11.1	3269	2925	344	10.5	3597	2929	668	18.6
CLINTON	7109	6549	560	7.9	7163	6669	494	6.9	7556	7038	518	6.9
COLE/OSAGE LMA	34078	31357	2721	8.0	36212	33616	2596	7.2	36722	34091	2631	7.2
COOPER	7039	6437	602	8.6	6985	6485	500	7.2	6932	6394	538	7.8
CRAWFORD	7120	6319	801	11.3	7069	6357	712	10.1	7518	6664	854	11.4
DADE	3671	3439	232	6.3	3712	3498	214	5.8	3626	3369	257	7.1
DALLAS	4462	3965	497	11.1	4601	4097	504	11.0	4576	3939	637	13.9
DAVIESS	2839	2457	382	13.5	2835	2523	312	11.0	2960	2625	335	11.3
DEKALB	3093	2879	214	6.9	3142	2940	202	6.4	3125	2890	235	7.5
DENT	6023	4935	1088	18.1	5941	5160	781	13.1	6293	5573	720	11.4
DOUGLAS	4324	3843	481	11.1	4393	3933	460	10.5	4202	3559	643	15.3
DUNKLIN	12984	11076	1908	14.7	12926	11175	1751	13.5	13617	11285	2332	17.1
GASCONADE	6792	6303	489	7.2	6787	6351	436	6.4	6678	6146	532	8.0
GENTRY	3928	3623	305	7.8	3992	3716	276	6.9	4182	3979	203	4.9
GRUNDY	5163	4656	507	9.8	5178	4684	494	9.5	5294	4654	640	12.1
HARRISON	4747	4363	384	8.1	4774	4432	342	7.2	4566	4282	284	6.2
HENRY	9174	8236	938	10.2	9352	8297	1055	11.3	9220	8367	853	9.3
HICKORY	2171	1932	239	11.0	2182	1958	224	10.3	2134	1899	235	11.0
HOLT	3132	2932	200	6.4	3246	3074	172	5.3	3297	3104	193	5.9
HOWARD	4578	4178	400	8.7	4447	4075	372	8.4	4517	4207	310	6.9
HOWELL	13232	11942	1290	9.7	13171	11876	1295	9.8	12670	11277	1393	11.0
IRON	4547	3959	588	12.9	4566	3948	618	13.5	4660	4122	538	11.5
JOHNSON	15675	14731	944	6.0	15944	14953	991	6.2	15073	14152	921	6.1
KNOX	2423	2156	267	11.0	2458	2222	236	9.6	2398	2154	244	10.2
LACLEDE	11152	10174	978	8.8	11179	10254	925	8.3	10796	9661	1135	10.5
LAFAYETTE	13851	12822	1029	7.4	14006	13025	981	7.0	14510	13239	1271	8.8
LAWRENCE	11648	10494	1154	9.9	11603	10546	1057	9.1	11753	10772	981	8.3

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LEWIS	5288	4611	677	12.8	5096	4422	674	13.2	5312	4678	634	11.9
LINCOLN	10069	9010	1059	10.5	10034	9083	951	9.5	10265	9203	1062	10.3
LINN	7859	6852	1007	12.8	7918	6833	1085	13.7	7817	6538	1279	16.4
LIVINGSTON	6867	6153	714	10.4	6859	6229	630	9.2	7298	6575	723	9.9
MACON	6613	6025	588	8.9	6771	6187	584	8.6	6478	5865	613	9.5
MADISON	4048	3559	489	12.1	3917	3441	476	12.2	4143	3611	532	12.8
MARIES	2516	2245	271	10.8	2552	2304	248	9.7	2659	2341	318	12.0
MARION/RALLS LMA	18172	16213	1959	10.8	18418	16543	1875	10.2	18521	16622	1899	10.3
MCDONALD	5496	4865	631	11.5	5549	4961	588	10.6	5429	4792	637	11.7
MERCER	1809	1653	156	8.6	1838	1684	154	8.4	1844	1696	148	8.0
MILLER	10024	8514	1510	15.1	9933	8756	1177	11.8	9735	8173	1562	16.0
MISSISSIPPI	6343	5425	918	14.5	6309	5496	813	12.9	6621	5669	952	14.4
MONITEAU	4752	3996	756	15.9	4796	4334	462	9.6	4814	4346	468	9.7
MONROE	4358	4024	334	7.7	4369	4083	286	6.5	4333	3922	411	9.5
MONTGOMERY	5269	4739	530	10.1	5276	4794	482	9.1	5425	4876	549	10.1
MORGAN	5335	4599	736	13.8	5310	4674	636	12.0	5242	4493	749	14.3
NEW MADRID	10848	9671	1177	10.8	10892	9897	995	9.1	10544	9080	1464	13.9
NODAWAY	10309	9656	653	6.3	10384	9846	538	5.2	10436	9993	443	4.2
OREGON	3023	2590	433	14.3	2934	2592	342	11.7	2931	2572	359	12.2
OZARK	3647	3273	374	10.3	3771	3455	316	8.4	3290	2931	359	10.9
PEMISCOT	8083	6886	1197	14.8	8113	7062	1051	13.0	8444	6988	1456	17.2
PERRY	6761	6181	580	8.6	6796	6282	514	7.6	7123	6420	703	9.9
PETTIS	15760	14218	1542	9.8	15867	14374	1493	9.4	16075	14272	1803	11.2
PHELPS	15512	14234	1278	8.2	15459	14220	1239	8.0	15724	14459	1265	8.0
PIKE	6969	6088	881	12.6	6919	6177	742	10.7	7189	6315	874	12.2
POLK	8497	7834	663	7.8	8657	7949	708	8.2	8100	7477	623	7.7
PULASKI	8890	7867	1023	11.5	8840	7889	951	10.8	8171	7329	842	10.3
PUTNAM	2971	2698	273	9.2	2999	2765	234	7.8	2999	2776	223	7.4
RANDOLPH	11344	10339	1005	8.9	11506	10505	1001	8.7	11264	10233	1031	9.2
REYNOLDS	2517	1975	542	21.5	2593	2023	570	22.0	2958	2555	403	13.6
RIPLEY	3388	2877	511	15.1	3392	2892	500	14.7	3781	3225	556	14.7
SALINE	13550	12572	978	7.2	13609	12716	893	6.6	14068	13260	808	5.7
SCOTLAND	2356	2162	194	8.2	2407	2225	182	7.6	2392	2192	200	8.4
SCOTT	17565	15549	2016	11.5	17450	15551	1899	10.9	18452	16136	2316	12.6
SHANNON	3229	2461	768	23.8	3072	2474	598	19.5	3015	2537	478	15.9
SHELBY	3091	2852	239	7.7	3176	2968	208	6.5	3135	2828	307	9.8
ST. CLAIR	3702	3364	338	9.1	3730	3446	284	7.6	3815	3542	273	7.2
ST. FRANCOIS	19404	17186	2218	11.4	19582	17379	2203	11.3	19091	16859	2232	11.7
STE. GENEVIEVE	5796	5230	566	9.8	5722	5286	436	7.6	5905	5317	588	10.0
STODDARD	12231	10521	1710	14.0	12291	10866	1425	11.6	12632	10930	1702	13.5
STONE	6655	5284	1371	20.6	6573	5404	1169	17.8	5978	4898	1080	18.1
SULLIVAN	3312	3039	273	8.2	3285	3047	238	7.2	3056	2873	183	6.0
TANEY	11773	9755	2018	17.1	12114	10517	1597	13.2	11541	9758	1783	15.4
TEXAS	7932	6816	1116	14.1	7786	6743	1043	13.4	7674	6708	966	12.6
VERNON	9289	8632	657	7.1	9386	8762	624	6.6	9450	8842	608	6.4
WARREN	6068	5425	643	10.6	6071	5485	586	9.7	5536	4934	602	10.9
WASHINGTON	4458	3536	922	20.7	4481	3536	945	21.1	5189	3909	1280	24.7
WAYNE	4108	3411	697	17.0	4051	3427	624	15.4	4166	3410	756	18.1
WEBSTER	7496	6653	843	11.2	7635	6816	819	10.7	7630	6674	956	12.5
WORTH	1068	957	111	10.4	1103	981	122	11.1	1139	1064	75	6.6
WRIGHT	7191	6542	649	9.0	7286	6652	634	8.7	6732	6043	689	10.2

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
DECEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1932.6	1938.3	1908.6									
Total Manufacturing	415.2	414.5	399.1	373.51	360.90	336.18	41.0	40.1	39.0	9.11	9.00	8.62
Durable Goods	235.4	234.4	220.5	416.94	398.29	365.10	42.2	40.6	39.3	9.88	9.81	9.29
Lumber & Wood Products	8.9	9.0	8.4	223.87	221.36	207.76	38.4	38.1	37.1	5.83	5.81	5.60
Furnture & Fixtures	9.3	9.3	8.3	305.56	315.98	276.92	41.8	42.7	42.8	7.31	7.40	6.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.1	10.3	10.1	497.55	415.17	376.36	41.8	41.6	40.6	9.75	9.98	9.27
Cement, Hydraulic	.9	.9	.9	542.57	536.11	611.99	40.4	39.8	44.9	13.43	13.47	13.63
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.2	2.2	443.20	416.10	381.65	40.0	38.0	37.9	11.08	10.95	10.07
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.0	7.2	7.0	377.36	398.90	340.25	42.4	42.8	40.7	8.90	9.32	8.36
Primary Metal Industries	13.0	13.0	12.3	450.46	438.18	445.83	41.1	40.2	38.5	10.96	10.90	11.58
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.0	2.0	2.0	360.50	345.14	330.19	40.1	39.9	37.1	8.99	8.65	8.90
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.6	2.6	2.3	342.69	320.37	287.29	42.1	40.4	41.1	8.14	7.93	6.99
Other Primary Metals	8.4	8.4	8.0	513.32	506.12	527.30	41.0	40.2	38.1	12.52	12.59	13.84
Fabricated Metal Products	27.4	27.3	26.7	399.00	389.91	381.51	42.0	41.0	41.2	9.50	9.51	9.26
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	9.0	9.1	10.2	391.99	366.62	370.83	42.7	40.2	39.2	9.18	9.12	9.46
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.4	18.2	16.5									
Machinery exc. Electrical	33.9	33.7	31.3	407.18	405.19	351.28	40.8	40.6	38.1	9.98	9.98	9.22
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	48.6	47.8	46.2	359.38	354.40	351.70	40.7	40.0	40.8	8.83	8.86	8.62
Transportation Equipment	65.8	65.7	58.3	563.30	499.75	449.70	45.1	40.4	37.6	12.49	12.37	11.96
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	27.9	27.9	20.8	590.81	498.58	402.95	47.8	40.8	35.1	12.36	12.22	11.48
Other Transportation Equip.	37.9	37.8	37.5	518.52	503.54	505.06	40.7	39.9	40.6	12.74	12.62	12.44
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.5	11.4	11.6	348.30	332.54	279.89	45.0	43.3	39.7	7.74	7.68	7.05
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.9	6.9	7.3	261.65	252.17	224.25	41.4	39.9	37.5	6.32	6.32	5.98
Nondurable Goods	179.8	180.1	178.6	320.76	314.41	301.84	39.6	39.4	38.5	8.10	7.98	7.84
Food & Kindred Products	44.6	44.9	45.6	369.29	377.04	359.35	41.4	42.7	41.4	8.92	8.83	8.68
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	11.5	11.8	11.7	270.47	304.73	292.73	39.6	44.1	40.1	6.83	6.91	7.30
Dairy Products	6.4	6.4	6.4	362.39	348.27	330.72	40.4	39.0	38.5	8.97	8.93	8.59
Grain Mill Products	7.3	7.3	7.5	462.76	448.29	410.32	46.0	45.1	44.6	10.06	9.94	9.20

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				Average Weekly Eanings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Bakery Products	5.9	5.9	5.9	361.74	374.36	361.82	36.8	37.7	39.2	9.83	9.93	9.23
Beverages	8.9	8.9	9.0	461.89	467.74	460.65	41.8	41.8	42.3	11.05	11.19	10.89
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.6	4.6	5.1	404.27	402.74	384.10	43.8	44.6	44.2	9.23	9.03	8.69
Textile & Apparel	26.4	26.2	24.9	181.30	179.05	186.38	35.0	34.7	35.5	5.18	5.16	5.25
Paper & Allied Products	12.9	12.7	12.3	373.01	351.75	330.42	42.1	40.2	40.1	8.86	8.75	8.24
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.5	6.2	379.95	360.60	334.36	42.5	40.7	39.9	8.94	8.86	8.38
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.3	6.2	6.1	366.13	342.14	326.84	41.7	39.6	40.4	8.78	8.64	8.09
Printing & Publishing	36.4	36.4	36.5	360.84	354.16	349.44	38.8	38.0	37.9	9.30	9.32	9.22
Commercial Printing	11.8	11.8	11.5	416.96	409.86	410.29	40.6	39.6	39.3	10.27	10.35	10.44
Other Printing & Publishing	24.6	24.6	25.0	312.11	306.71	298.37	37.2	36.6	36.7	8.39	8.38	8.13
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.9	28.1	28.1	457.00	422.68	397.79	43.4	42.1	40.1	10.53	10.04	9.92
Leather & Leather Products	19.2	19.4	20.0	190.05	192.68	176.13	36.2	36.7	34.4	5.25	5.25	5.12
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.7	14.8	15.1	186.84	189.07	171.70	36.0	36.5	34.0	5.19	5.18	5.05
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	4.5	4.6	4.9	201.47	203.86	190.81	36.9	37.2	35.8	5.46	5.48	5.33
Other Nondurable Goods	12.4	12.4	11.2	318.75	310.50	286.24	42.5	41.4	39.7	7.50	7.50	7.21
Total Nonmanufacturing	1517.4	1523.8	1509.5									
Mining	6.9	7.0	6.9									
Construction	73.7	77.5	72.6									
Transportation & Public Util.	126.6	217.5	128.4									
Railroad Transportation	12.3	12.3	12.7									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	62.4	63.1	62.6									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	51.9	52.1	53.1									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	464.5	462.0	463.6									
Wholesale Trade	132.7	132.6	132.7									
Retail Trade	331.8	329.4	330.9									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	105.9	105.7	107.7									
Services	407.5	410.4	402.1									
Government	332.3	333.7	328.2									
Federal Government	67.3	67.2	66.6									
State & Local Government	265.0	266.5	261.6									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments.

Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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because of the substantial amount of overtime which is now being worked. The average workweek of production workers in this industry was 47.8 hours in December, compared to 35.1 hours a year ago.

The seasonal drops that have occurred over the past few months have been concentrated in construction (down by 8300 jobs between August and December) and services (down by 11,500 jobs in the same period).

Unemployment has been on the increase for the last three months, the reverse side of the employment coin. Between November and December, the increase in unemployment was about 9200, while the increase has totaled 18,400 since the seasonal low-point in September. The December jobless total was 211,200, or 9.1 percent of the civilian labor force of 2,317,300. This represents an increase of four-tenths of a percentage point from November's rate. When normal seasonal movements are taken into account, there has been little underlying change in unemployment in the past few months. Compared to a year ago, unemployment has dropped by 7300, while the rate is now three-tenths of a percentage point below last December's 9.4 percent.

The factory workweek jumped by nine-tenths of an hour to 41 hours in December, regaining much of the drop that had occurred in November. As in the case of employment, it was durable goods industries, notably motor vehicles and equipment, which led the increase. This increase, along with an 11 cent per hour gain in average hourly earnings (to $9.11) propelled average weekly earnings upwards by $12.61 to $373.51, a gain of 11.1 percent over the year-earlier figure.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

With the current expansion now more than a year old, the economy seems to have approached the end of rapid recovery and may now be settling into a period of slower growth. There are now a few forecasters who see clouds on the economic horizon, but they remain a minority, with most seeing expansion through 1984.

The performance of national employment and unemployment statistics during this period has been amazingly strong. Over the past year, total employment has increased by 4 million, while the number of nonfarm payroll jobs has grown by 3 million.

Even more notable may be the rapid drop in unemployment which has occurred. Unemployment usually remains stubbornly high in the early phases of expansion, as growth in the labor force tends to keep unemployment high even in the fact of rapidly growing employment. This time, however, the growth in the labor force has not been rapid, increasing by about 1.1 percent between December 1982 and December 1983. Some analysts are now wondering if this represents the beginning of a period of slowing labor force growth, which had been forecasted for later in the decade. Although it is probably too early to reach such a conclusion, such developments would reduce the upward pressure on the labor force (and hence on unemployment) which characterized the 1970s.

So far, the same degree of improvement has not been noted in the Missouri labor markets, but part of this may be due to the fact that estimates of Missouri's employment and unemployment are statistically less robust than the national measures. Any such problems should work themselves out over time. Furthermore, sustained economic growth should lead to increased employment in most sectors of the state's economy. Once the bad seasonal conditions prevailing in January and February are past, Missouri's labor markets should begin to see further improvement, barring reversals in national economic conditions.

TABLE 3. SLECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – DECEMBER, 1983

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,317,300	2,320,800	2,328,100	-3,500	-10,800
Total Employed	2,106,100	2,228,800	2,109,600	-12,700	-3,500
Total Unemployed	211,200	202,000	218,500	9,200	-7,300
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	9.1	8.7	9.4	0.4	-0.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,932,600	1,938,300	1,908,600	-5,700	24,000
Manufacturing	415,200	414,500	399,100	700	16,100
Durable Goods	235,400	324,400	220,500	1,000	14,900
Nondurable Goods	179,800	180,100	178,600	-300	1,200
Nonmanufacturing	1,517,400	1,523,800	1,509,500	-6,400	7,900
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	11,581	8,290	12,924	3,291	-1,343
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	50,112	43,936	83,851	6,176	-33,739
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.8	3.8	0.1	-0.9
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	5,002	4,406	8,377	596	-3,375
Amount of Benefits Paid	$15,920,000	$13,359,212	$27,826,850	$2,560,788	-$11,906,850
State U.I.	15,463,736	12,963,432	27,385,120	2,500,304	-11,921,384
UCFE	221,636	171,642	298,559	49,994	-76,923
UCX	234,628	224,138	143,171	10,490	91,457

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

DECEMBER, 1983

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

The gains realized over the last month in area employment and unemployment were slightly eroded in December 1983. Despite a brisk holiday buying season employment fell from November to December 1983. The unemployment rate increased to 6.9 per cent due to both an increase in jobless and a decline in the total number of employed. In addition to shrinking from November to December, the labor force fell by 3,100 over the 12-month period from December 1982 to December 1983.

Wage and salaried employment in December 1983 was 604,700, down by 1,100 from the November 1983 total of 605,800. Precautionary behavior by area merchants held additional hiring for the December Christmas rush down to a moderate 1,200 extra workers. Total manufacturing employment increased by 200 due to modest increases in machinery and primary metals and fabricated metals, offsetting the small decline in motor vehicles and lumber and furniture. Nondurable goods manufacturing showed no change from November to December. The major movements in the area employment were seasonal changes in nonmanufacturing. Construction employment doubled its November loss with the lay-off of 1,400 workers. Services, primarily in hotels and agricultural and recreational services, continued its seasonal cut-backs by 1,000 workers. On the brighter side, in addition to retail trade reaching its highest level of employment in the year, finance, insurance and real estate had a small boost in employment over the November levels. State and local government sustained a loss of 300 jobs while federal government began its hiring of extra tax processors early with an additional 100 jobs.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 11,000 from December 1982 to December 1983. Manufacturing increased by 5,800 jobs and nonmanufacturing increased by 5,900 jobs over the 12-month period. In manufacturing, all industrial categories gained, except primary metals which lost 400 jobs and chemicals and allied products which lost 200 jobs. The major gainers were in the durable goods manufacturing, machinery with 1,500, motor vehicles with 1,200 and fabricated metals and electrical equipment, each with 800 jobs. In nonmanufacturing, transportation, communications and public utilities lost 1,500 jobs and state and local government lost 1,700 jobs. All other nonmanufacturing industries gained jobs from "year ago" figures. Major gainers were construction (2,200 jobs), retail trade (2,100 jobs), services (2,700 jobs) and finance, insurance and real estate (1,100 jobs).

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 45,900 in December 1983 for 6.9 per cent of the labor force, compared with 45,500 in November 1983 for 6.8 per cent of the labor force and 54,900 in December 1982 for 8.2 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

The area unemployment rate is expected to rise sharply in January 1984 from its progressive decline beginning in February 1983. Winter weather conditions will cause a substantial loss of employment in construction activities. Winter related lay-offs will continue in services and retail trade as area merchants lay-off most of the extra workers hired during the holiday. The only expected employment increase will be in Federal Government where seasonal hiring of federal tax processors will continue. Unemployment is expected to be 7.1 per cent of the labor force in January 1984, compared to 6.9 per cent in December 1983 and 9.4 per cent in January 1983.

No major improvements in the labor market are expected in February 1984. Unemployment is expected to increase as the area's service and retail employment reach the lowest levels of the year. Construction employment will hit its low point of the year because of winter weather conditions. Additional hiring of federal tax processors will continue. Unemployment is expected to be 7.2 per cent of the labor force in February 1984, compared to 9.6 per cent in February 1983.

SPECIAL ENERGY REPORT

No new developments have been reported.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) DECEMBER 1983

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	21.5	22.3	21.8
25-34	36.2	29.6	33.6
35-44	19.3	18.3	18.9
45-54	13.0	16.4	14.3
55-64	9.2	11.4	10.0
65 and over	0.7	2.0	1.2
Unreported	0.1	0.0	0.2

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.6
Mining	0.3
Construction	12.3
Manufacturing	23.8
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	5.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	17.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.9
Services	32.5
All Other	3.9
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	11.3
Clerical	16.9
Sales	4.5
Services	17.3
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	1.0
Processing	2.3
Machine Trades	7.2
Bench Work	5.3
Structural Work	11.6
Miscellaneous	16.7
Information no available	5.9

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 5,901; 3,577 were male and 2,324 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March, 1982)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data December, 1983

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage and Salaried Employment	604,700	605,800	593,700	-1,100	+11,000
Total Manufacturing	111,800	111,600	106,700	+200	+5,100
Durable Goods	64,100	63,900	59,900	+200	+4,200
Lumber & Furniture	2,700	2,800	2,400	-100	+300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	3,400	3,300	3,800	+100	-400
Fabricated Metal Products	8,600	8,500	7,800	+100	+800
Machinery Except Electrical	9,000	8,800	7,500	+200	+1,500
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	19,400	19,400	18,600	0	+800
Transportation Equipment	12,600	12,700	11,500	-100	+1,100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(12,300)	(12,400)	(11,100)	(-100)	(+1,200)
Other Durable Goods	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	47,700	47,700	46,800	0	+900
Food & Kindred Products	9,300	9,300	9,100	0	+200
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	+200
Paper & Allied Products	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	16,800	16,800	16,600	0	+200
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,200	8,200	8,400	0	-200
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	+400
Total Nonmanufacturing	492,900	494,200	487,000	-1,300	+5,900
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	20,500	21,900	18,300	-1,400	+2,200
Transportation & Utilities	47,200	47,200	48,700	0	-1,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	159,900	158,800	157,100	+1,100	+2,800
Wholesale Trade	(51,300)	(51,400)	(50,600)	(-100)	(+700)
Retail Trade	(108,600)	(107,400)	(106,500)	(+1,200)	(+2,100)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	44,600	44,400	43,500	+200	+1,100
Services	131,700	132,700	129,000	-1,000	+2,700
Government	88,500	88,700	89,900	-200	-1,400
Federal Government	(22,900)	(22,800)	(22,600)	(+100)	(+300)
State & Local Government	(65,600)	(65,900)	(67,300)	(-300)	(-1,700)
In Labor-Management Disputes	200	300	200	-100	0

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TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1983

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$424.98	$413.31	$393.02	41.3	40.6	39.9	$10.29	$10.18	$9.85
DURABLE GOODS	460.48	441.72	415.15	41.9	40.9	39.5	10.99	10.80	10.51
Lumber & Furniture	334.10	328.04	269.66	41.4	40.3	38.8	8.07	8.14	6.95
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	492.86	465.31	449.76	40.8	39.3	37.7	12.08	11.84	11.93
Primary Metal Industries	416.98	395.85	482.79	40.8	39.0	36.3	10.22	10.15	13.30
Fabricated Metal Prod.	370.40	359.19	355.65	39.7	39.0	38.7	9.33	9.21	9.19
Machinery Exc. Electrical	452.40	431.39	402.60	42.5	41.4	40.1	10.64	10.42	10.04
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	426.01	455.80	409.41	41.4	43.0	40.9	10.29	10.60	10.01
Transportation Equipment	627.59	543.05	497.38	44.7	40.8	39.6	14.04	13.31	12.56
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(634.89)	(548.88)	(505.78)	(44.9)	(40.9)	(39.7)	(14.14)	(13.42)	(12.74)
Other Durable Goods	235.52	232.56	235.52	38.8	38.0	38.8	6.07	6.12	6.07
NONDURABLE GOODS	364.31	365.82	357.62	40.3	40.2	40.5	9.04	9.10	8.83
Food & Kindred Products	404.49	417.78	394.58	43.4	42.5	43.6	9.32	9.83	9.05
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	157.50	186.10	204.20	30.0	34.4	37.4	5.25	5.41	5.46
Paper & Allied Products	352.15	343.04	328.04	40.2	40.5	40.3	8.76	8.47	8.14
Printing & Publishing	396.63	384.31	376.96	39.0	37.9	38.0	10.17	10.14	9.92
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	445.71	449.34	432.19	41.5	41.3	41.2	10.74	10.88	10.49
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	344.99	292.07	327.06	39.7	36.6	41.4	8.69	7.98	7.90
Other Nondurable Goods	290.25	293.78	271.17	43.0	42.7	40.9	6.75	6.88	6.63

*This series excludes industry 2771

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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

DECEMBER, 1983

RUSSELL SIGNORINO, ANALYST

AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate in December was 9.5%. There were 1700 more unemployed in the area over the month. November's rate was 9.4%. Preliminary annual averages for 1983 show both employment and unemployment increases in St. Louis over the 1982 averages. Although jobs are being created and some laid-off workers recalled to their previous positions, more people are entering and reentering the local labor force in search of jobs than can be absorbed into the employment rolls. This growing labor force has caused the local unemployment rate to remain high throughout 1983. The preliminary annual average rate for 1983 was 10.4% compared to the 1982 average of 9.9%. Although the area's unemployment rate is expected to decline in 1984, it will remain high by historical standards of expected rates during periods of economic recovery or expansion. There were 300 labor disputants in December, 300 in November, and 400 in December 1982.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment increased 800 over the month. Motor vehicles added another 700 workers while seasonal changes occurred in beverages (+200) and stone, clay and glass (-200). Over the year, manufacturing increased by 8000. Most of this employment rise occurred in motor vehicles, +7300. Other manufacturing industries that continued to show employment gains over 1982 were lumber, nonelectrical machinery, primary metals, aircraft, beverages, printing, and other nondurables. All other industries registered declines or were unchanged from 1982 levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing increased 1400 over the month. Seasonal employment changes occurred in construction (-1500), trade (+4500), services (-500), and government (-600). Over the year, nonmanufacturing increased by 9400. Gains occurred in

construction (+4000), transportation and public utilities (+300), trade (+1600) and services (+5400). Finance and government remained below 1982 levels.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were up 1200 in December from November. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were up 600 and in the Illinois portion they were up 600.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
INA	5	6	3	0
Agriculture	29	35	55	76
Mining	15	17	10	19
Construction	1544	1432	1610	1860
Manufacturing Total	4185	4141	4633	3776
Food	453	495	686	554
Textile	23	18	18	24
Apparel	367	267	311	224
Lumber	42	59	68	57
Furniture	67	101	82	68
Paper	96	87	128	76
Printing	187	148	182	142
Chemicals	151	149	227	185
Petroleum	35	32	28	23
Rubber	109	104	101	90
Leather	265	210	251	211
Stone	67	58	83	65
Primary Metal	173	195	220	190
Fabricated Metal	561	609	654	522
Machinery	119	143	153	132
Electrical Machinery	347	320	319	247
Transportation Equip.	305	350	338	249
Instruments	28	30	35	31
Miscellaneous	786	764	744	682
Public Utilities	2598	674	645	678
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2707	2745	2731	2324
Finance	411	422	459	414
Services	5252	5699	6353	5590
All Other	378	424	489	329
TOTAL	17124	15595	16988	15066

Of the 15,066 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in December, 1983, 58.2 percent were male and 41.8 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1989	1951	1999	1585
Clerical	2771	2892	2984	2604
Sales	735	721	771	698
Farm, Fish & Forest	89	100	118	188
Processing	305	329	438	365
Machine Trades	1181	1237	1393	1167
Bench Work	847	861	982	798
Structural Work	1439	1438	1630	1636
Misc. Work	1791	1926	2170	2024
Domestic	46	54	69	55
Other Services	2434	2946	3202	2774
INA	3497	1140	1232	1172
TOTAL	17124	15595	16933	15066

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1983 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.0	17.0	21.2	40.4	2.5
Placements, %	47.1	11.5	44.8	30.2	2.2

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1984 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.2	2.7
Clerical	14.8	11.2
Sales	17.9	18.1
Processing	0.6	0.7
Machine Trades	3.7	3.3
Bench Work	3.7	4.1
Structural Work	3.5	3.2
Motor Freight & Transportation	2.2	1.7
Packaging & Material Handling	14.8	18.2
Domestic	1.1	1.1
Other Services	30.2	34.9
Other Occupations	2.3	0.8

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1983

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	993,800	991,600	976,400	+2,200	+17,400
Percent Change				+(0.2)	+(1.8)
Manufacturing	219,400	218,600	211,400	+800	+8,000
Durable Goods	138,100	137,300	129,200	+800	+8,900
Lumber & Furniture	5,000	5,000	4,100	0	+900
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,100	3,300	3,400	-200	-300
Primary Metal Industries	15,400	15,400	15,100	0	+300
Fabricated Metal Products	16,700	16,600	17,000	+100	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,700	18,700	17,800	0	+900
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,000	15,000	15,100	0	-100
Transportation Equipment	52,300	51,400	44,600	+900	+7,700
Motor Vehicles	16,300	15,600	9,000	+700	+7,300
Aircraft & Parts	34,600	34,500	34,300	+100	+300
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	11,900	11,900	12,100	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	81,300	81,300	82,200	0	-900
Food & Kindred Products	20,300	20,200	20,800	+100	-500
Meat Products	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Beverages	8,300	8,100	8,000	+200	+300
Textiles & Apparel	7,300	7,400	7,400	-100	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	14,800	14,800	14,500	0	+300
Chemical & Allied Products	19,900	20,000	20,600	-100	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	5,400	5,400	5,700	0	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,200	4,800	+100	+500
Nonmanufacturing	774,400	773,000	765,000	+1,400	+9,400
Mining	2,900	3,000	3,000	-100	-100
Construction	45,800	47,300	41,800	-1,500	+4,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	63,300	68,700	68,000	-400	+300
Railroads	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0
Transportation, Except Railroads	34,900	35,200	33,800	-300	+1,100
Communications & Public Utilities	26,400	26,500	27,200	-100	-800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	236,000	231,500	234,400	+4,500	+1,600
Wholesale Trade	68,000	65,900	65,900	+2,100	+2,100
Retail Trade	168,000	165,600	168,500	+2,400	-500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	57,800	57,800	58,200	0	-400
Service, Except Domestic	228,600	229,100	223,200	-500	+5,400
Total Government	135,000	135,600	136,400	-600	-1,400
Total Federal Government	36,400	36,400	36,300	0	+100
Total State & Local Government	98,600	99,200	100,100	-600	-1,500
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	300	300	400	0	-100

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data December, 1983

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	436.77	412.27	382.78	42.2	40.3	38.9	10.35	10.23	9.84
DURABLE GOODS	457.52	423.31	393.82	43.0	40.2	38.8	10.64	10.53	10.15
Lumber & Furniture	342.88	339.02	266.87	42.7	41.7	37.8	8.03	8.13	7.06
Stone, Clay & Glass	357.42	405.82	356.97	37.0	40.3	36.5	9.66	10.07	9.78
Primary Metal Industries	447.54	438.20	451.52	39.5	39.3	38.2	11.33	11.15	11.82
Fabricated Metal Products	417.74	405.32	388.90	41.9	40.9	40.3	9.97	9.91	9.65
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	424.91	420.80	374.63	40.2	40.0	37.5	10.57	10.52	9.99
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	282.85	286.44	269.65	38.8	39.4	37.4	7.29	7.27	7.21
Transportation Equipment	610.69	516.43	493.66	48.2	40.6	40.2	12.67	12.72	12.28
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	331.19	304.97	279.80	42.9	39.3	38.7	7.72	7.76	7.23
NONDURABLE GOODS	401.06	392.52	365.04	40.8	40.3	39.0	9.83	9.74	9.36
Food & Kindred Products	462.21	457.29	428.16	42.6	43.1	40.7	10.85	10.61	10.52
Textiles & Apparel	213.90	207.79	188.38	37.2	36.2	33.7	5.75	5.74	5.59
Paper & Paper Products	433.50	403.10	370.47	43.7	40.8	40.4	9.92	9.88	9.17
Printing & Publishing	402.50	397.85	395.85	37.2	36.5	37.7	10.82	10.90	10.50
Chemicals & Allied Prods	470.80	460.93	413.50	42.8	42.6	41.6	11.00	10.82	9.94
Petroleum & Coal Prods.	619.33	617.04	577.72	43.8	43.7	43.8	14.14	14.12	13.19
Leather & Leather Prods.	189.80	199.43	180.06	36.5	38.5	35.1	5.20	5.18	5.13
Other Nondurable Goods	321.30	310.72	273.13	42.5	41.1	38.2	7.56	7.56	7.15

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The Springfield SMSA labor force, estimated at 114,600 for December, decreased 700 from November. The labor market conditions appear to have changed only seasonally during the 30 day period. Unemployment increased about 200 from November to reach 8,000 in December. The rate of unemployment edged upward from 6.8 percent in November to 6.9 percent in December.

During December, 1982, there were 8,900 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 7.8 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment, estimated at 92,300 for December, fell 300 from November. This is the net result of an increase of 100 manufacturing jobs and a loss of 400 jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector. The gain in manufacturing represents an accumulation of small increases in several durable manufacturing establishments. Nonmanufacturing employment recorded a net loss of 400 jobs during the month. Employment increases in government and trade were more than off-set by job reductions in construction and services.

In retrospect, 1983 has been a year of recovery for nonagricultural wage and salaried employment. A low water mark was set in January, 1983, with an estimated 85,600 jobs. The current figure shows recalls and additions amount to 6,700. Included in the jump are 2,000 factory jobs.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers fell from $8.14 in November to $8.11 in December. While overall weekly hours worked increased from 38.1 to 40.2 during the 30 day period, less overtime worked in some industries fostered most of the three cent drop.

During December 1982, average hourly earnings came to $7.79, weekly hours worked averaged 40.4 and average weekly wages amount to $314.72.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled employment will show a moderate seasonal decrease during January. Most of the drop will be reductions in retail trade jobs following the Christmas season. Some smaller drops could occur in construction, manufacturing and services.

During the past ten years, the average rise in the rate of unemployment between December and January has been approximately one percentage point. Preliminary data suggests a somewhat smaller rise in January 1984.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1982)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1983

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salaried Employment (Exc. Domestics)	92,300	92,600	88,400	-300	+3,900
Manufacturing	18,700	18,600	16,700	+100	+2,000
Durable Goods	9,700	9,600	8,200	+100	+1,500
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	900	0	0
Other Durable Goods	8,800	8,700	7,300	+100	+1,500
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,000	8,500	0	+500
Food Processing	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,500	3,500	3,100	0	+400
Nonmanufacturing	73,600	74,000	71,700	-400	+1,900
Mining & Construction	3,300	3,900	3,000	-600	+300
Transportation & Utilities	7,100	7,100	7,000	0	+100
Trade	25,800	25,500	24,700	+300	+1,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	-100
Services	22,100	22,300	21,100	-200	+1,000
Government	11,700	11,600	12,200	+100	-500
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	10,100	10,000	10,600	+100	-500
Persons Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State: Springfield Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1983

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$326.02	$310.13	$314.72	40.2	38.1	40.4	$8.11	$8.14	$7.79
Durable Goods	317.12	291.19	311.19	40.5	37.0	41.0	7.83	7.87	7.59
Nondurable Goods	337.50	334.57	319.57	39.8	39.5	39.6	8.48	8.47	8.07
Food & Kindred Products	368.62	368.81	362.79	41.7	41.3	41.7	8.84	8.93	8.70
Other Nondurable Goods	323.36	314.88	291.47	39.1	38.4	38.2	8.27	8.20	7.63

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